



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Gerd EISENBLATTER) Group Art Unit: 3723
Application No.: 10/019,689) Examiner: Hadi SHAKERI
Filed: January 4, 2002)

For: BANDS FOR MACHINING MATERIALS, ABRASIVE AND/OR POLISHING BANDS
AND METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF BANDS FOR MACHINING MATERIALS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In lieu of an Appeal brief due following the Notice of Appeal filed August 20, 2004, with a five-month extension of time requested herein by March 21, 2005 (March 20, 2005 falls on a Sunday), Applicants submit this amendment along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) with the request fee in response to the Office Action mailed February 20, 2004. As this request is filed prior to a decision on the appeal, Applicants request that this response and accompanying RCE be treated as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application before the examiner. Please amend and reconsider the above-identified patent application as follows. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.